

## Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

## Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2014-2015

October 15, 2015

Sara E. Tolosa Ramirez Centro Para Puerto Rico Fundacion Sila M. Calderon Calle Gonzalez 1012, Urb Santa Rita San Juan, PR 00925

Re: Applicant Name:

BIBLIOTECA FOUNDACION SILA M

**CALDERON** 

Billed Entity Number:

16056811

Form 471 Application Number:

979877

Funding Request Number(s):

2670061, 2670068, 2670072, 2670080, 2670085, 2670089, 2670095, 2670104, 2670124, 2670129, 2670132, 2670158, 2670164, 2670170, 2670175, 2670181, 2670186, 2670193, 2670200, 2670210,

2670217, 2670221, 2670248, 2670251

Your Correspondence Dated:

July 09, 2015

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of USAC's Funding Year 2014 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of USAC's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60 day time period for appealing this decision. If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

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Decision on Appeal:

Denied

Explanation:

• The above listed funding requests (FRNs) were denied because Biblioteca Foundacion Sila M Calderon indicated in response to the Administrator's Information Request that they received assistance from Service Provider A New

Vision in Educational Services & Dreyfous (NEVESEM) d.b.a Dreyfous & Damp; Associates, SPIN 143022659, in the creation of the referenced FCC Form 470 for the FRNs. A service provider that participates in the competitive bidding process as a bidder cannot be involved in the preparation or certification of the entity's FCC Form 470. Specifically, Biblioteca Foundacion Sila M Calderon indicated that the service provider supplied them with instructions on preparing and completing the FCC Form 470 which also included lists of services to request on their FCC Form 470. This action constitutes improper service provider involvement and the FRNs were denied. Additionally, Program rules state that applicants submit "bona fide requests for services." Per the FCC's Ysleta Order, an applicant's FCC Form 470 must detail specific services sought in a manner that would allow bidders to understand the specific technologies that the applicant is seeking. Thus, a Form 470 that sets out virtually all elements that are on the eligible services list would not allow a bidder to determine what specific services the applicant was seeking. Biblioteca Foundacion Sila M Calderon provided documentation showing that Service Provider A New Vision in Educational Services & Samp; Materials (NEVESEM) d.b.a Dreyfous & Samp; Associates, SPIN 143022659, supplied them with instructions on preparing and completing the FCC Form 470 which also included lists of services to request on their FCC Form 470. The list of services requested on the FCC Form 470 mirrors the list of services supplied by NEVESEM. Biblioteca Foundacion Sila M Calderon response indicates the FCC Form 470 is not representative of a bona fide request for services. Thus, Biblioteca Foundacion Sila M Calderon has failed to adhere to this requirement and the FRNs were denied. In your appeal, you did not demonstrate that USAC's decision was incorrect. Consequently, your appeal is denied.

Since your appeal was denied in full, dismissed or cancelled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. Your appeal must be postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found under the Reference Area/"Appeals" of the SLD section of the USAC website or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

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cc: Ricardo Dreyfous

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